



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

# Work to improve the inventory of greenhouse gases

The aim is to continue perfecting this catalogue, considering group work

The ways of improvement come from the energy, industry, land use and waste sectors



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▶▶ Working meeting with UNFCCC international experts on Andorra's national inventory of greenhouse effect emissions.

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The Acting Secretary of State for Agriculture and Sustainability, Marc Rossell, received last Monday morning the delegation of experts from the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which they have traveled to Andorra. One of the objectives of this meeting is to «identify the different aspects contained in the national inventory of greenhouse effect emissions in order to find points of improvement and receive the corresponding recommendations that are the beginning of several projects that they will be able to carry out in the Andorran area», explained Rossell to the media.

The working day, where the technicians of the Office of Energy and Climate Change (OECC) also collaborate, will last until Friday 12th May. This convention is developed within the framework of the Paris Agreement which mandated the

countries that ratified it to expand and strengthen the transparency of the reports delivered to the United Nations and which allow a comprehensive analysis of the CO2 emissions generated by the countries and thus, examine compliance with international commitments.

Regarding the ways of improvement, the director of the OECC, Car-

les Miquel, commented that «we are aware that Andorra must continue to improve and must be in continuous progress in its national inventory of greenhouse gases». That is why in this biannual transparency report that the Principality will present to the United Nations, there are four ways of improvement that the country wants to carry out. «95% of

Andorra's emissions come from the energy sector and we know it well», commented Miquel referring to the first improvement. The next is that of the industry sector and the use of industrial products, of which the director of the OECC commented that although it represents a small part of the country «we consider that we have an important room for improvement to start during the coming years». Next is the land use sector with 45% of the absorption of these emissions «that we have and that occur through land uses, changes in these uses and forests». This last absorption is called sink capacity and is the country's potential to absorb the CO2 gases that are generated and, therefore, do not generate a greenhouse effect. Thanks to the characterization of this element and together with the ARI, there has been an increase of more than 60% in the absorption capacity of the country's forests. Finally, the last route is related to the waste sector, which includes waste management and waste water management. In

this way «we consider that we can have little room for improvement, but we are open to all the contributions that the secretariat can make», confessed Miquel.

**DAMAGE FROM GREENHOUSE GASES** // Greenhouse gases as such do not represent a source of pollution. «What they do is contribute to the increase in global carbon dioxide concentrations and these cause the greenhouse effect to be amplified», explained Miquel. This fact has an impact in relation to global warming. The fact that there are increasingly higher concentrations of carbon dioxide and methane in the atmosphere generates and amplifies this greenhouse effect. The distortion on the climate itself: increase or decrease in temperatures in different places on the planet, drought, intensification of extreme precipitation or amplification of heat waves. All this has an impact on the environment and also on the socio-economic level.

Finally, the head of the delegation of experts from the secretariat of the United Nations framework convention on climate change, Dominique Revet, emphasized that at the end of 2024 the countries will have to deliver a transparency document in which «is needed a lot of information and it is necessary to be more transparent», with the data that is collected. ≡



**MARC ROSSELL**

ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE

«Identify the different aspects contained in the national inventory in order to find the points for improvement»

**CARLES MIQUEL**

DIRECTOR OF THE OECC

«They contribute to the increase in carbon dioxide concentrations and cause the greenhouse effect»

## ways of improvement

- 1 ENERGY SECTOR**  
95% of Andorra's emissions come from the energy sector. It includes the use of residential and mobility energy products.
- 2 INDUSTRY SECTOR**  
The industry sector and the use of industrial products. Although it represents a small part of the country, they feel they have room for improvement.
- 3 LAND USE SECTOR**  
With 45% of the absorption of the emissions they have and that occur through land uses, changes in these uses and forests.
- 4 WASTE SECTOR**  
It includes waste management and waste water management. They consider that they have little room for improvement, but are open to input.

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SOCIETY

# Civic agents on the move to ensure good behavior

They will be in charge of collecting the DNA samples from the excrement, among others

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Last Monday, the specific reinforcement team of the Circulation Service was presented, operational from the end of 2022, which will also be in charge of collecting DNA samples from excrement and sanctioning uncivil owners. Of the thousand actions carried out in the last quarter, one hundred are related to pets. The Circulation Service of the Municipality of Andorra la Vella has launched the Civic Agents Group, whose objective is to ensure the best citizen coexistence, inform, prevent and, if necessary, sanction uncivil behavior, such as not leash the dog or do not spray urine or pick up feces. As of the day before yesterday, in fact, the collection of DNA samples from excrement began in order to be able,



► Two civic agents with the Minister of Traffic, Parking and Natural Heritage, Gerard Menardia.

if necessary, to sanction negligent owners.

This was explained by the Minister of Circulation, Parking and Natural Heritage, Gerard Menardia,

who detailed that the unit was put into operation at the end of last year, incorporating new functions such as the control of public hygiene or pet animals. The balance of

the first quarter is almost a thousand performances, half of which are related to traffic. Of the remaining 500, half are related to hygiene on public roads - how to put

down waste outside the established times -, a hundred with pets, another hundred with aspects related to the ordering of public coexistence, and a tenth with terrace controls.

In recent weeks, according to the coordinator of Mobility, Miquel Rossell, spaces have been identified and cleaned on the public road where there are usually uncivil owners who do not pick up dog waste. The objective has been to start from zero and that there are no excrement prior to the start of the collection of DNA samples in order to be able to identify and sanction negligent conduct.

Although the Municipality prioritizes control and warning over the imposition of penalties, during the first quarter, 13 fines related to the keeping and possession of pets were imposed: 6 for carrying the dog without a leash, 5 for not taking the animal properly identified with the corresponding chip, 1 for taking the dog in an unauthorized space and 1 for not diluting the urine.

The Civic Agents Group was born with two members who are dedicated to the prevention and control of issues that go beyond traffic regulation, such as hygiene on public roads or citizen coexistence. The new unit, which could be strengthened in the future, complements the tasks of other proximity agents who patrol pedestrian areas or in school environments. ≡

INDUSTRY

# Grifols cedes all power to the Swede Thomas Glanzmann

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The changes continue in the pharmaceutical company that will land in Ordino to install a P3 laboratory. Although Grifols already changed its executive director a little by appointing Thomas Glanzmann, he now assumes the position of CEO. He does it after Raimon and Victor Grifols leave the position they shared. These are changes made to reorganize the company and savings plan.

The company aims to convince investors of the recovery of the business that has lost almost 70% of its value on the stock market since the beginning of the pandemic.

Now, therefore, all the executive power of pharmaceuticals is concentrated in Glanzmann. And it is the first time that no member of the Grifols family is president or CEO of the company. The change also comes in a context of serious doubts from investors about the recovery of the company due to the high debt it has, which amounts to 9,193 million euros. Grifols pledged to reduce debt from 7.1 times ebitda to four times ebitda. Now, the market is waiting for a move by pharmaceuticals, which could be an injection of capital by a partner in one of the subsidiaries or the sale of some business. The capital increase is ruled out, taking into account the collapse of the share price.

Although the figures obtained by the company in recent months are bad, Grifols is confident in the improvement of the business. ≡



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